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## Author: JFK Assassination Truth Closer

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After 14 years of cover-up, the American public may finally get the truth soon.

That's the opinion of Bernard Fensterwald Jr., head of the non-profit Committee to Investigate Assassinations and author of "Coincidence or Conspiracy," a new book on the murder of John F. Kennedy, which he hopes will serve as a kind of "who's who" for upcoming congressional hearings.

"If they use their subpoena power forcefully, it won't take long for Congress to get the answers," says Fensterwald, a Washington-based lawyer who's served as counsel to various congressional investigations himself. "I have no doubt but that the CIA has

every detail of what actually happened."

Fensterwald, in New Orleans to promote his book Tuesday, said he doesn't think it will take the House Select Committee on Assassinations very long to discredit the Warren Commission Report which concluded Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone to kill President Kennedy. "It's beyond retrieval," he laughs. "It just doesn't hang together."

Fensterwald says he doesn't have any pet assassination theory himself, but is "absolutely certain the CIA had a central role in the cover-up."

The CIA has resisted attempts to make its records available, but those that have been declassified show "a strong connection" between Oswald

and the CIA, according to Fensterwald.

Despite controversy surrounding the House investigation, Fensterwald says he believes the committee is ready to resume again under new leadership and he has turned over all his organization's records to them.

"The book was written in anticipation of the kind of TV hearings that occurred during Watergate," says Fensterwald.

Fensterwald says he's spent thousands of hours researching the Kennedy assassination — his wife considers him obsessed by his "hobby."

"It just seems to me that the 'lone nut' theory has got stretched awfully far," he says.

"Other countries are 'banana republics,' but we still believe that assassinations are aberrations. It seems to be a matter of pride that those kind of political killings just don't happen in this country."